

continue to contain all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the provisions of section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Supplementary Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the effect of the amendments on the Agreement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the effect of the Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Agreement. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Supplementary Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-Austria Social Security Agreement and related Agreement and related documents to the Congress.

WILLIAM, J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 17, 1996.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3230. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3230. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The following measure was read and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2655. A communication from the Director of the Office of Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the apportionment of reserve to certain target species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2656. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the closing of the directed fishery for Pacific cod by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2657. A communication from the Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the adjustment at the beginning date of the annual closure of the shrimp fishery in the exclusive economic zone off Texas received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2658. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning directed fishing for species that comprise the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), except for vessels fishing for pollock using pelagic trawl gear in those portions of the GOA open to directed fishing for pollock received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2659. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Implement a Vanity Call Sign System" received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2660. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of eight final rules entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft" (RIN 2120-AA64) received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2661. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Cargo Preference: Available U.S. Flag Commercial Vessels" (RIN 2133-AB25) received on May 16, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1777. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for certain activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1771. A bill to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 to clarify that the fee for providing customs services in connection with passengers arriving on commercial vessels making a single voyage may be collected only one time from each passenger, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1772. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that the Secretary of the Treasury shall make certain determinations relating to what gas will be treated as a qualified fuel for purposes of the credit for fuels from nonconventional sources; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1773. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make a technical correction in the application of the minimum tax to the nonconventional fuels credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1774. A bill to enhance the enforceability of airport revenue diversion provisions under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 1775. A bill to extend the exemption for certain unliquidated vessel repair entries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. KYL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 1776. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to impose certain limitations relating to participation by a Member of Congress in the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1777. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for certain activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1771. A bill to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 to clarify that the fee for providing customs services in connection with passengers arriving on commercial vessels making a single voyage may be collected only one time for each passenger, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

CUSTOMS SERVICE PASSENGER FEE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, when Congress passed the North American Free-Trade Agreement [NAFTA] it imposed a \$6.50 fee for the arrival of each passenger aboard a commercial vessel or aircraft coming in from outside the customs territory of the United States. NAFTA also imposed a \$6.50 fee on passengers arriving in the United States from The Caribbean, Mexico, and Canada.